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Application of: Turpen *et al.*

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For: **PRODUCTION OF PEPTIDES  
IN PLANTS AS VIRAL COAT  
PROTEIN FUSIONS**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.607 COPYING CLAIMS  
FROM PATENT FOR PURPOSES OF INTERFERENCE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants present the following claims and request that an interference be declared between these claims and the claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,618,699.

**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 14, after "The present application is", please insert now U.S. Patent 5,977,438, --a continuation of application 08/324,003, filed October 14, 1994, which is--.

On page 1, line 17, after "December 30, 1992." please insert:

--The present application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/184,237, filed January 19, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 07/997,733, filed December 30, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Application No. 07/923,692, filed July 31, 1992, now Patent No. 5,316,931, which is a continuation-in-part of Applications No. 07/600,244, filed October 22, 1990, now abandoned, No. 07/641,617, filed January 16, 1991, now abandoned, Application No. 07/737,899, filed July 26, 1991, now abandoned, and Application No. 07/739,143, filed August 1, 1991, now abandoned. Application No. 07/600,244 is a continuation of Application No. 07/310,881, filed February

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